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A report on Soviet military activity in the Dushak area for the period 10 August - 5 September 1952 follows:

1. A barbed wire barrier is being constructed along the Soviet-Iranian border from Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh to Bulan. On 5 September 1952, the barrier had been completed from Post-i-Shurjeh to Qezel Kamar and 500 meters had been completed at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh going toward Post-i-Shurjeh. The barrier is constructed of wooden poles three meters high and one meter apart with barbed wire strung on them. The poles, where possible, are placed about five meters north of the plowed strip.
2. A new headquarters building and new barracks have been built at Post-i-Shurjeh. The old buildings, not in use, are being torn down. The present complement of Post-i-Shurjeh is 28 men and 15 horses. The soldiers wear a uniform of black pants and white shirts.
3. 10 August
 0525 1 soldier was at Qezel Kamar guard position.
 0600 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 0630 12 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh worked on the new buildings.
 0730 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 0820 1 wagon loaded with poles went from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh. The wagon was unloaded and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0935 2 soldiers walked from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1100 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh, also 12 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh stopped work.
 1500 2 mounted soldiers rode by Darband-i-Surmeh Kati going toward Bulan.
 1511 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1608 4 mounted soldiers rode from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1710 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.

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11 August

0519 1 soldier was at Qezel Kamar guard position.
 0527 11 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh worked on the new buildings.
 0530 1 wagon loaded with poles and 7 soldiers went from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh; the soldiers started working on the barrier.
 0603 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan.
 0805 5 soldiers strung barbed wire on the poles north of Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1130 7 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1340 7 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 1530 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh; 2 soldiers walked from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1600 5 soldiers at Daveh Dashi, about 20 meters north of Camel Rock, measured and marked a line which the barrier is to follow.
 1620 7 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.

12 August

0504 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Khojeh.
 0540 8 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh started work on the new buildings.
 0621 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 0705 1 soldier at Daveh Dashi inspected the plowed strip.
 0830 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 1205 Above soldiers stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1400 9 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 1530 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.

13 August

0445 80 mounted soldiers rode from Dushak to the open area near Malek Azhdar. The soldiers engaged in military exercise until 0820 and then returned to Dushak.
 0632 6 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 1140 1 truck loaded with poles came from Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1200 6 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1300 8 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 1435 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan.
 1709 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1802 1 soldier was at Darband-i-Surmeh Kati.
 1830 1 truck, half loaded with poles, went from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh and, after being unloaded, returned to Post-i-Shurjeh with 8 soldiers.

14 August

0530 8 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh started work on the new buildings.
 0718 2 soldiers walked from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0800 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 1100 1 soldier walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1130 3 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 1145 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1315 9 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 1500 2 soldiers walked from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1836 9 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.

18 August

0515 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0628 12 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh worked on the new buildings.
 0810 7 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 0926 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1000 1 soldier was at Darband-i-Surmeh Kati.
 1125 12 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh stopped work; also 7 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1350 Above soldiers returned to work.
 1419 1 mounted soldier rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh and after 30 minutes returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1620 1 soldier at Daveh Dashi inspected the plowed strip.
 1800 12 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh stopped work; also 7 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.

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19 August

0518 13 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh started work on the new buildings.
 0725 7 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 0849 2 soldiers were at Darband-i-Qurmen Kati.
 1000 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 1146 1 truck loaded with poles went from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh. The truck was unloaded and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh at 1210 with the 7 soldiers who had been working on the barrier.
 1150 13 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh stopped work.
 1409 9 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 1625 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1720 1 soldier walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1830 9 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.

20 August

0530 8 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh worked at destruction of old buildings.
 0600 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 0617 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Khojeh.
 0709 4 soldiers walked from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0900 2 mounted soldiers rode from the flour mill to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1011 4 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 1200 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1240 8 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh stopped work.
 1330 8 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh, and 8 soldiers returned to work at Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1819 Above mentioned soldiers stopped work.
 1841 2 mounted soldiers rode by Daven Dashi inspecting the plowed strip toward Bulan.

23 August

0519 10 soldiers walked to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh and started work on the barrier.
 0520 60 mounted soldiers engaged in military exercises near Malek Azhdar. The soldiers returned to Dushak at 0800.
 0800 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh worked on the barrier.
 0830 6 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh worked on the new buildings.
 0938 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Qezel Kamar.
 1100 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1140 8 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1205 6 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh stopped work.
 1515 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.

24 August

0620 15 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh were observed drilling until 0820.
 0900 14 soldiers walked to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh and started work on the barrier.
 1000 2 mounted soldiers rode from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1230 14 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1324 14 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 1542 2 soldiers walked from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1830 14 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.

25 August

0542 1 soldier walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 0600 9 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh and started work on the barrier.
 0619 1 soldier was at Qezel Kamar guard position.
 0715 8 soldiers worked on the new buildings at Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0909 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0915 1 mounted soldier rode from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1152 1 jeep came from Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh. 2 passengers from the jeep inspected the newly constructed buildings.

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1200 8 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh stopped work.
 1235 9 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1430 11 soldiers returned to work at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 1715 2 inspectors and jeep returned to Dushak.
 1800 2 mounted soldiers rode from Bulan to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1810 11 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.

29 August

0500 8 soldiers worked on the new buildings at Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0510 9 soldiers worked on the barrier at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh.
 0700 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 0930 1 soldier walked from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1158 8 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh and 9 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1334 Above-mentioned soldiers returned to work.
 1500 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Daveh Dashi on the side of the plowed strip toward Bulan.
 1605 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1830 8 soldiers at Post-i-Shurjeh and 9 soldiers at Darband-i-Khojeh Cheshmeh stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1832 3 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.

2 September

0530 6 empty trucks parked at Post-i-Shurjeh. These trucks are being used to transport material for construction of the new barrier.
 0600 1 truck loaded with poles went from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan.
 0610 5 soldiers walked to Qezel Kamar and started work on the barrier.
 0720 1 truck loaded with poles came from Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0759 3 empty trucks returned from Post-i-Shurjeh to Dushak.
 1145 8 soldiers at Qezel Kamar stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1310 9 soldiers returned to work at Qezel Kamar.
 1315 1 truck loaded with poles came from Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh, picked up a soldier, and went to Qezel Kamar. The truck was unloaded and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1400 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Shurjeh to Bulan.

4 September

0520 200 mounted soldiers rode from Dushak to the open area near Malek Azhdar. The troops engaged in military exercises until 0800 and then returned to Dushak.
 0621 9 soldiers worked on the barrier at Qezel Kamar.
 0653 2 trucks loaded with poles went from Post-i-Shurjeh to Qezel Kamar. The poles were unloaded and the trucks returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0730 2 soldiers walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.
 1200 9 soldiers at Qezel Kamar stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1218 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1510 9 soldiers returned to work at Qezel Kamar.
 1600 2 mounted soldiers rode from Post-i-Khojeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1615 1 truck loaded with poles went from Post-i-Shurjeh to Qezel Kamar. The poles were unloaded and the truck returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1700 1 jeep came from Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh. Two passengers from the jeep inspected the newly constructed buildings at Post-i-Shurjeh and then returned to Dushak.
 1830 9 soldiers at Qezel Kamar stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.

5 September

0605 11 soldiers worked on the barrier at Qezel Kamar.
 0800 1 soldier was at Darband-i-Surmeh Kati.
 0900 2 mounted soldiers rode from Qezel Kamar to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 0935 2 soldiers walked from Darband-i-Shurjeh to Post-i-Shurjeh.
 1030 1 truck loaded with poles came from Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh. Three soldiers unloaded the truck.

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5 September (Cont'd)

1115 11 soldiers at Qezel Kamar stopped work and returned to Post-i-Shurjeh.
1300 8 soldiers returned to work at Qezel Kamar.
1700 1 soldier walked from Post-i-Shurjeh to Darband-i-Shurjeh.

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